

Illegal Arms in Bihar

1925. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether manufacture of arms and use of country made weapons are a way of life in several parts in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that Bihar has a long tradition of guns availability in plenty; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to ask the State machinery to ban and control such illegal arms production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Although, a large quantity of illegal arms have been recovered in the State of Bihar during the last few years, this, however, cannot be described as a way of life prevalent in several part of Bihar.

(c) "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. As such, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to control such illegal arms production.

More Powers to the States

1926. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken by Government to implement the Sarkaria Commission's recommendations;

(b) whether Government have decided to give more powers to the States;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to take any new programmes for giving more powers to the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (e) The Inter-State Council